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Dear Manning:

I know you have been looking to hear from me for a long time, but the reason I did not write sooner, I wanted to have something definite to tell you when I did write. First of all I do not have any help now. Mrs Jacobs is working in the ODB office. That means I have everything to do which really keeps me busy.

Well my first move to try and help you with your problem was to contact the Urban League. They wrote me that they have had many request for this same service, and had explored all angles. It is necessary for the men to have a job before the army will release them. Mr Lett said the only thing they can do is to take their furlough and try and find a job.

Now my next move was to contact someone very active in the union at The Federal Shipyard in Kearney. This gentleman said he will help the men you spoke of, and is almost sure he can put them to work. The gentleman in question is Mr Robert Monroe Dept. 32 Plate Shop Federal Shipyard Kearney M.J. If they write him directly, tell him who they are, and when they will be up on furlough. He will arrange for them to have an interview I am sure. It will then be necessary for the shipyard to write the army that they will hire them. It is a lot of red tape, and a lot of bother, but I think the man in question will do it.

I hope you are doing nicely. We surely do miss you from the team. We will be playing The Grays in Richmond the 10th of May Let me hear from you how you make out.

Very truly Yours